



DEHART COMMUNITY PARK

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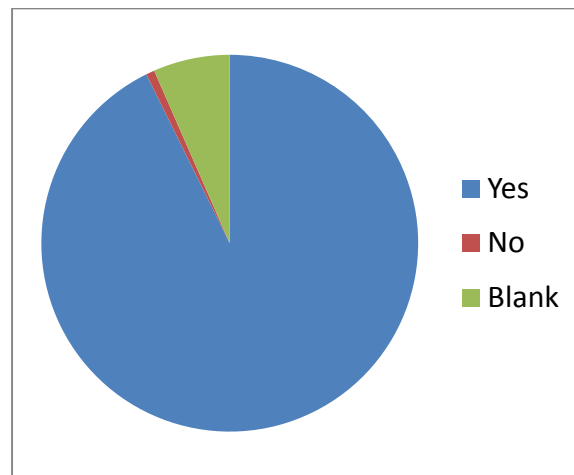
At a glance:

137 surveys returned

113 in favour (86.3%) **4** against (3.1%) **14** undecided (10.7%)

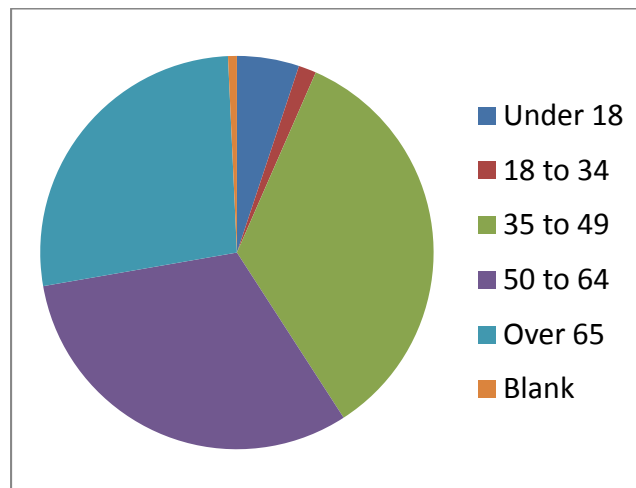
Do you live in the North Mission neighbourhood?

127 Yes **1** No **9** Blank



What age category best describes you?

7 Under 18 **2** 18 to 34 **47** 35 to 49 **43** 50 to 64 **36** Over 65 **1** Blank



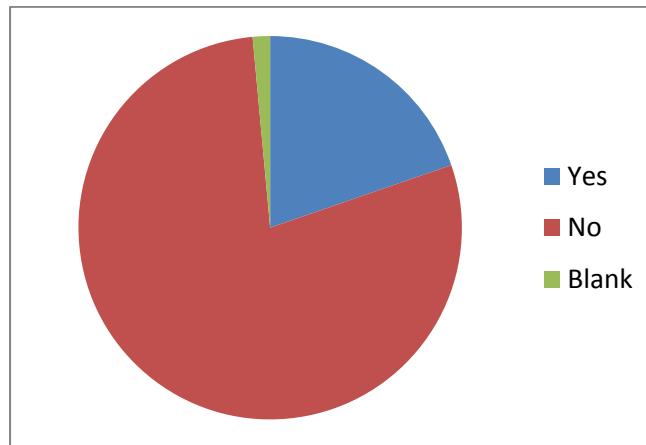


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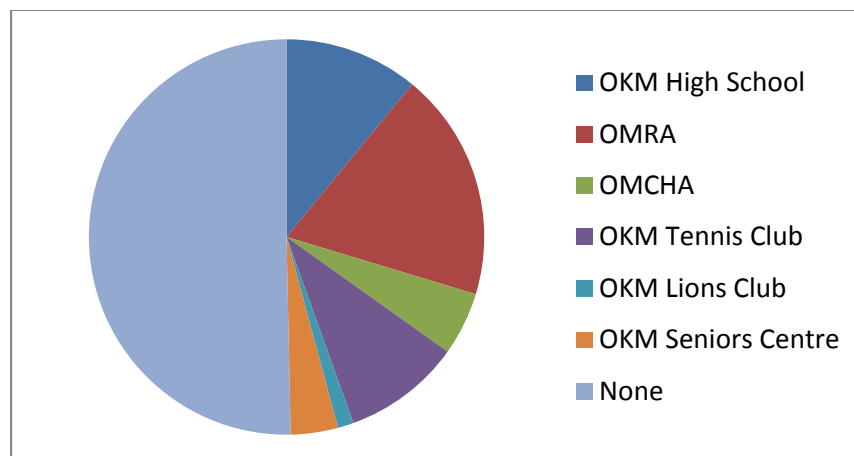
Did you attend any of the DeHart Community Park workshops earlier this year?

20 Yes **101** No **1** Blank



Do you belong to the following stakeholder organizations? (Please check all that apply)

17 OKM High School **29** OKM Residents Association (OMRA) **15** OKM Tennis Club
8 OKM Community Hall Association (OMCHA) **2** OKM Lions Club **6** OKM Seniors Centre
78 None checked

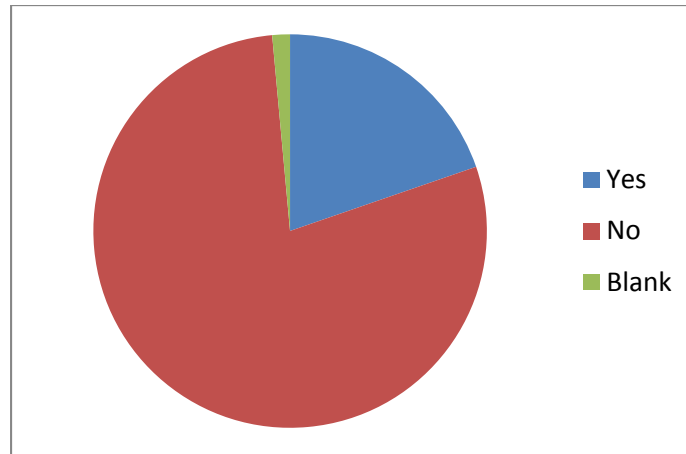




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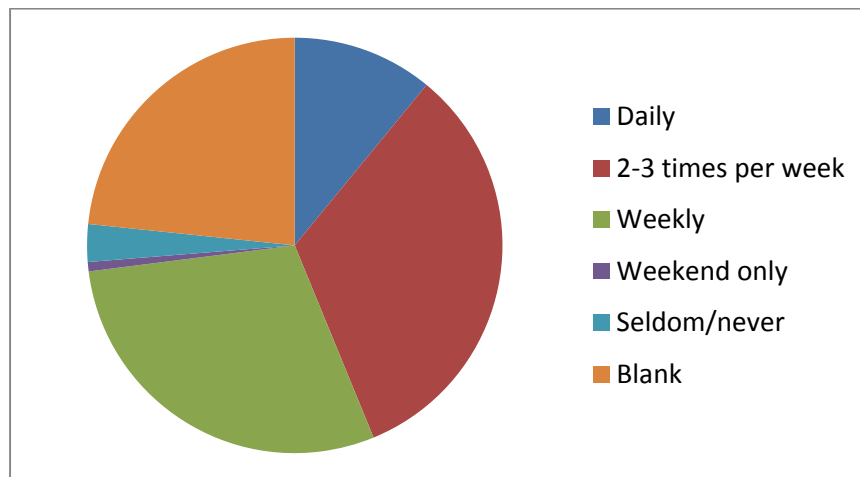
Are you generally in favour of the proposed park concept plan?

113 Yes **4** No **14** Undecided **6** Blank



How often do you see yourself/your family using this park?

15 Daily **45** 2-3 Times per week **40** Weekly **1** Weekends only **4** Seldom/never **32** Blank





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What aspects of this project do you like? *(Summarized, consolidated, and edited for space)*

Walking paths/trails/walkways (x25)
Meets the needs of all age groups (x23)
Natural play structures/equipment/children's play area (x21)
Everything/all aspects/in full agreement with the plan (x17)
Water feature (x12)
Natural areas/features (x11)
Fitness stations (x10)
The multi-use concept/that a variety of activities are included (x10)
Commons/the open space (x9)
Amphitheater (x8)
Flowers/gardens (x8)
Grasses/Meadows (x8)
Keeping it as natural/green as possible (x8)
Public art (x8)
Mountain bike course (x8)
Access to/conservation of green space (x6)
Sports courts (x6)
Teen areas (x6)
Trees/that the design integrates the original trees (x6)
Public tennis courts (x5)
Social hub (x5)
Addresses children's needs (x4)
Picnic areas (x4)
Children's water features (x3)
Concession stand (x3)
The hill (x3)
Seating/benches/tables (x3)
Washrooms on site (x3)
BMX/skateboard park (x2)
Bocce court (x2)
Educational areas (x2)
Excellent location (x2)
Forest walk (x2)
Gateway (x2)
Like the overall concept/park (x2)
Nature Node (x2)
Pleasing to the eye/beautiful (x2)
Tennis court is well-located (x2)



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Walking paths away from traffic (x2)
Art fence
Balance of green space to trees
Close to home
Conservation of public land
Encourages community to use its resources
Gathering areas/meeting point
Good blend of options A and B
Good mix of natural and developed
High perimeter berm
Kids programs in the spring/summer
Location of the basketball courts, gathering areas, parking, and washrooms
Meeting point for the community
Naturescaped regions
Nice use of space
Promotes fitness
Swings
Terrace seating
The open fell inside the park
Track (bike?)
Well-located
Provides community space
Venue for holiday events
Activities for kids and teens
Both beautiful and functional
Sensory garden
Centrality of Father Padosy Statue
Respect of community heritage

What are your areas of concern? *(Summarized, consolidated, and edited for space)*

Insufficient parking (x14)
The youth area/skate park is too close to the seniors centre and will be noisy - remove or relocate (x9)
The park will be destroyed mischievous/drug-using/partying teens (x7)
Vandalism/lack of security against vandalism (x7)
None (x7)
Noise from the park will disturb the neighbours (x6)
Lighting at night will disturb the neighbours (x6)
Security (x5)
Too few tennis courts (x7)
The park will attract loitering teens/become a teen hang out (x4)



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The tennis courts are too expensive/should be free (x3)
The park is too small for all the planned activities (x3)
The park needs a wading pool/water park (x3)
Mountain bike area is too small (x3)
Youth area will be disruptive (x2)
Trespassing on private property (x2)
Traffic congestion on Gordon and DeHart (x2)
The bike course interferes with the walking paths (x2)
Shelters may be occupied overnight by transients/drug addicts (x2)
Rowdy people/parties (x2)
Not enough play structures for kids after the loss of OKM courts(x2)
Make the park more open to improve visibility of young people hanging out (x2)
Gateway - make it more natural, more rustic to better suit the community (x3)
Expense (x2)
Dogs should be allowed on leash (x3)
Lack of an off-leash dog area(x3)
Accessibility of the park by means other than cars - cyclists, pedestrians, skaters, etc. (x2)
Will it be wheelchair accessible?
The park will be used late at night and be disruptive to the community
Water usage - will it be water wise?
Use of Tennis Club property/removal of practice courts without permission
Use of OMCHA property/parking without consultation
Too few access points
Too close to homes
The NW corner needs to be connected to the SW corner with a multi modal path
The mountain bike course will become a hangout for teens rather than for kids
Sufficient shady areas
Sports court will ruin the enjoyment of neighbouring private patios
Lack of trees in the field
The location of the pickleball court - move
The community needs a practice court
Parking in the area will be used by park visitors, rather than OMCHA/Tennis Club users
There needs to be open communication between OMCHA, OKM Tennis Club, and the City
The noise of bike path will interfere with tennis matches
Toddler swings should be installed
Some of the parking should be designated for handicapped users
Ensure that there is enough green space for all users
How will fees be collected for the public use courts?
Good washrooms are needed
There may be excessive garbage from the concession
Who will bear the burden of the maintenance fees?



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Consider relocating the sports courts to DeHart between the parking lots
Basketball courts are available at nearby schools and should be replaced with tennis courts
The amphitheater will be noisy and will require lighting for nighttime use
Ensure that there are adequate garbage and recycling bins to keep the park tidy
The proposed 14 additional parking spaces are unnecessary
The mountain bike course may be unsafe due in part to its small size

How do you see yourself/your family using this park? *(Summarized, consolidated, and edited for space)*

Walks/strolls (x41)
Picnics (x20)
Playing with children/grandchildren (x19)
Yes (will use it)/often (x14)
Fitness/exercise (x13)
Tennis (x12)
Attending outdoor plays/concerts/cultural & community events (x10)
Relaxation (x9)
Cycling (x8)
Dog walking/playing with dog (x6)
Reading (x5)
Playing sports/using sports courts (x5)
Family gatherings/as a family (x5)
Hanging out with friends & visitors/socializing (x5)
Enjoy the green space/nature (x5)
Using the playground (x4)
Mountain biking (x4)
Bring students to learn about natural world (x2)
Bocce (x3)
Not sure (x2)
Running (x2)
Recreation (x2)
Pickup sports games (x2)
Not really/will not use as is (x2)
Frisbee (x2)
Football (x2)
Flying kites (x2)
Commuting through the park (x2)
Checking out public art (x2)
Will use every aspect of the park
Stretching
Socializing



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Rollerblading
Ride through
Photography
People watching
Listening to Parks Alive
Hockey
Having fun
Climbing trees
Bringing girl guide groups
BBQs
Basketball

What would it take for you to use the park more frequently? *(Summarized, consolidated, and edited for space)*

Less work/more leisure time/retirement (x7)
Make it pet-friendly (x7)
Live theater in the spring, summer, and fall/public entertainment/events (x6)
Children at home/grandchildren/other people to enjoy it with (x4)
Ensure that it remains clean/neat/isn't vandalized/is safe (x4)
Nothing - will use plenty as is (x4)
Areas for classes (e.g. circle dance, tai chi, theatre, yoga etc.) (x3)
Free/less expensive/public tennis courts (x2)
After school child care/programs (x2)
More shaded areas (x2)
Running trails/track around the perimeter (x2)
Expand the children's play area (x2)
A disc golf course
Add more play spaces for kids aged 8-16
An area for outdoor fitness classes (yoga, boot camps)
Be 20 years younger
Discourage driving to park
Improve accessibility by bike
Improve/increase size/attitude of skateboarding, mountain biking areas
Install boards around sport court for hockey, lacrosse, etc.
Install lighting
Meeting space
More parking
More tennis courts
Native plants
Picnic areas
Vegetable garden



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Beach volleyball courts
More basketball/multi-use sports courts
Ensure that the children's play area is shady
Good weather
Fewer sports facilities and more quiet space – it should be a park, not a recreation centre

Please provide any additional comments here. *(Summarized, consolidated, and edited for space)*

Excited about the park/exceeds expectations/will be wonderful/A+ (x14)
Build it as soon as possible/it can't happen soon enough (x6)
Incorporate a dog park (x3)
Thank you for considering public input (x2)
Make space for other activities: trampoline, table-tennis (x1), chess (x1)
Build more tennis courts; the community is feeling the loss of the OKM courts (x2)
Will part of the park be closed off at night to prevent vandalism? (x2)
Reconsider proximity of youth and seniors areas
The plan is underwhelming
The park is too senior-oriented
Would like to see the park named after the Reid Family, who lived and worked on the property for 70 years
Relocate the sports courts to replace the bike course
Move the bike course to Mission Field, where a bigger course could be built
Better than plan 1
Sports courts, mountain bike course should be relocated - too noisy
Build a water park
Incorporate skateboarding and mountain biking areas
Enjoyed open house/presentation of drawings
How long will it take to build?
Rework the entry gate/fencing in keeping with the rustic past of the area
Add more flowering shrubs/keep as many wild shrubs and trees as possible
Too small to fit everything, relocate the skate park off-site
The schools should be involved with the public art portion
Will use bird houses
Affordable ice cream should be available at the concession
How will the park be funded?
Use low-maintenance vegetation to conserve water
Build a shaded, sandy bocce court
Will there be tobogganing and ice-skating in the winter?
Hope that it will be part of the Parks Alive series in the summer
Would like indigenous plants bordering walkways to demonstrate the beauty of low-water plants
Although it could be used in an undesirable way, the proximity of the park to homes will allow oversight by neighbours.



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Would like to see a concession stand, as there is no alternative close by
The minimal pavement and proposed use of solar energy is great
Ensure there is shade in the children's areas
Plant mixed tree species to promote forest health and minimize loss if pathogens hit
The amphitheater seating shouldn't face west or northwest due to afternoon/evening sun
The amphitheater will require access to power
Create sheltered area for picnics
There should be some recognition of the area's first nations and colonial history
The neighbourhood needs this park
Provide a notice board for local events and advise people of parking spots at the high school
The concept is good
Keep it natural
Thanks for the time
Include more tennis courts or install lighting on a set of courts
Include a skate park, as many locals skateboard
Make the bike park larger and more challenging
The skateboard area is incompatible with a residential area
The park will be misused and destroyed by teens; some of the teen areas should be repurposed for seniors across the street
The Commons could be reduced in size
The residents of Mission Villas are excited about the plan and wish the designers luck in implementing it
Too many activities are being crammed into the park; it will end up pleasing no one by trying to please everyone
A walking labyrinth would be a nice addition
The roads nearby should be 30km/h (playground) zones